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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MARR, MOPS, RP, VS

SUBJECT: SPRATLEY ISLANDS

1. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DCM FEBRUARY 12 TO SOUND OUT U.S. POSITION ON DISPUTED CLAIMS TO SPRATLEY ISLANDS. HE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF PRC INTENTIONS, ANXIOUS TO KNOW HOW SERIOUSLY WE TOOK PHILIPPINE CASE AND WHETHER WE MIGHT ACT AS MEDIATOR.

2. DCM STRESSED WE DO NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO DISPUTE AND HOPED CONTENDING CLAIMANTS WOULD NOT RESORT TO FORCE. PRC WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE DIFFICULT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS IN SUSTAINING AN OPERATION IN THE SPRATLEYS THAN IN PARACELS, BUT WE NOT SURE WHAT PRC LIKELY TO DO.

3. VIET AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED THE GOP THAT IT WISHES TO RESOLVE DISPUTED CLAIMS PEACEFULLY

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AND WILL NOT USE FORCE AGAINST PHILIPPINES; GOP IN TURN HAS ASSURED GVN IT ESCHEWS USE OF FORCE AND ALSO SEEKS

PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
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